



Lake Park Villager

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CLERK'S CORNER

Upcoming Lake Park town meetings:

September 11 – 7:00 PM Village Council Meeting

September 20 – 7:00 PM EDC, 6200-A Creft Circle

September 26 – 7:00 PM Parks and Rec Commission

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

LAKE PARK HOA BOD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 4, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK GARDEN CLUB

SEPTEMBER 17, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK PLUS – INVESTMENT CLUB (MEMBER NAIC)

SEPTEMBER 19, 7:00 PM, 3603 RUTH STREET

LAKE PARK S.A.G.E.S. , ANNUAL PICNIC AT GAZEBO

SEPTEMBER 21, COOKING 5:00 PM, ASSEMBLY 6:00 PM

PLANT CLINIC & MOBILE GREENHOUSE

SEPTEMBER 29, 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM, TOWN CENTER PARK

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

SEPTEMBER 29, 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

***LIVING IN LAKE PARK* – RESIDENT CARD DISTRIBUTION**

SEPTEMBER 31, DELIVERY TO RESIDENT MAIL BOX TUBES

LAKE PARK COMMUNITY GARAGE SALES

OCTOBER 6

LAKE PARK PLUS – INVESTMENT STUDY (MEMBER NAIC)

OCTOBER 10, 7:00 PM, 4601 ROCKY FALLS DR (BROOKSTONE)

LAKE PARK TOWNHOME ASSN QUARTERLY BOARD MTG

OCTOBER 15, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

LAKE PARK FALL FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 20, STARTS AT 10 AM, TOWN CENTER PARK
VOLUNTEERS & PLANNERS CALL MARLEEN TRAYWICK AT 221-1721

You Make the Difference

The community-wide summer events, the Fourth of July Celebration and the National Night Out, could not have been successful without the help of countless residents. The Council would like to express their sincerest thanks to all who shared help, resources, and assistance during these events.

Council Highlights

Highlights from the August Meeting

The Lake Park Village Council held their August meeting on the 14th in the Mack Currence Council Chamber. The meeting opened with a period for public comment. One comment concerned the status and future route of the Monroe By-pass. As far as the council is aware, the DOT has still not decided on a future route for the road. Several possible right-of-ways are still being considered – none of which would move any homes within the village. A second comment related that the Lake Park Master Homeowners Association is replacing Henderson Properties with Braesael Properties as the HOA management company.

Council member Sarah Barbour thanked the deputies, SAGES, Community Watch and many volunteers for all their work at the National Night Out. Related to security and law enforcement, the issue of safety at the intersection of Faith Church and Unionville/Indian Trail roads came up. Thus far, the DOT has not prioritized improvements to this intersection higher than other active projects. Therefore, no work has been scheduled. Mayor Ross asked the district engineer how the village can help facilitate changes – including adding a traffic signal.

The village financial officer presented a report for the month of July, with no outstanding issues through the first month of the fiscal year. The village tax collector offered a proposed resolution to formally empower her to collect taxes for the village. The Council passed this resolution unanimously.

The Parks and Recreation Commission reported that pool revenues were \$51,683.27 to date from both season-long memberships and daily walk-ups. Fishing permits have also been selling very well this year. To date, \$238.00 worth of permits have been issued by the village. Parks and Rec is also actively working to perform maintenance on the Community Center – including painting the walls and exterior doors. They are also collecting information to get the clock tower and the fountain at Connie's Pond working again.

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For Your Information...

Fall 2007 Litter Sweep

You are encouraged to participate with neighbors and other communities throughout the state in making our streets cleaner and more beautiful. The Governor declared that September 15-29 will be the dates for the fall roadside cleanup. The DOT offers more information on this program at: www.NCDOT.org/~beautification.

Village Security Information

The Union County Sheriff's office is actively working on the recent tire slashing case that affected many residents' vehicles parked along the curb. They indicated that they are still in the process of isolating and investigating leads as they arise. Deputies Tomberlin and Hannon will keep the Village Council apprised of any new findings from the Sheriff's office in this case. In cases such as this, the most effective deterrent is an active community watch. If you would like to join the Lake Park Community Watch, please contact Royetta Sieminski at RSieminski2@aol.com.

Bikes Found

The deputies have also recovered two mountain bikes (one found by the deputies and one by the Lake Park Community Watch). For more information on these bikes, please contact the village clerk at (704) 882-VOLP.

Living in Lake Park

New Program for Village Residents

Village Council reviewed the Economic Development Commission's presentation for a resident card program on August 14. The EDC based the program on the premise that Lake Park's businesses, churches and schools are key contributors to the unique quality of village life. These organizations add benefits that lift Lake Park beyond being just another housing development. Lasting success of the village concept is linked to their presence in the community and to the popularity, repeat business, and word-of-mouth referrals among all residents who enjoy them.

The EDC's 5th *Growing in Lake Park* Workshop, July 24, evaluated the card program as a way for all the various organizations to work together; a united effort to encourage residents to patronize Lake Park businesses and organizations and to appreciate patrons who refer others to them. Participating organizations each design their own benefit offers for residents who present the *Living in Lake Park* card as they visit our local organizations.

At the August 16 Economic Development Commission Meeting, Doug Lucas (Lucas Lawn & Landscaping), Charles Williams (H.D.I. Investigation) and Tom Linderman (Family Hairloom) offered perspective to Council person Sandy Coughlin on the benefit offers that many local organizations are developing (to offer to residents and employees who present a *Living in Lake Park* card).

The *Living in Lake Park* cards, a directory of the organizations and of their benefit offers will be delivered to resident mailboxes with the October *Villager*. The two-year card program will launch October 1. Benefit offer changes will be listed in the *Lake Park Villager* and on the page for Community News at www.lakeparknc.gov. One card will be delivered to each household mail box tube. Additional cards will be available at the village office after October 1.

Over half of the Lake Park stand-alone businesses have signed up for the program and already finalized their initial benefit offers by August 31. Any Lake Park business that has not been contacted to participate, who has not yet identified their initial benefit offer, or would like more information, is encouraged to call Sandy Coughlin at 704-882-9692 or 704-841-1370 x208 or Kendall Spence at (704) 882-6649 no later than September 15.

In other activity, the EDC expects to resume quarterly workshops in January 2008 and is developing a resident survey for distribution in 2008.